



## STATE OF COLORADO

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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the State of Colorado for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated November 26, 2003. We have also audited the accompanying *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)*, as of June 30, 2003. This schedule is the responsibility of the State Controller's Office. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of the schedule in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)* is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedule. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our auditing procedures also included reconciling amounts contained in this report to the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2003, and testing for irreconcilable conflicts between the State's financial statements and the provisions of TABOR. Additional procedures consisted of evaluating the State of Colorado's compliance with constitutional and statutory provisions of TABOR. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the State's compliance with specified requirements.

The accompanying *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)* was prepared by the State Controller's Office pursuant to Section 24-77-106.5, C.R.S., which requires a financial report ascertaining compliance with state fiscal policies relating to Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR). Article 77 further requires a financial report to be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles unless an irreconcilable conflict exists between generally accepted accounting principles and TABOR, in which case the provisions of said constitutional provision shall control.

In our opinion, the *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)* referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenue, expenditures, changes in reserves, and spending limitation as determined under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution for the year ended June 30, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)*, as of June 30, 2003, does not include audit adjustments to Fiscal Year 2002 TABOR revenue of \$2,063,440 that would have increased the TABOR spending limit for Fiscal Year 2003 by \$2,205,818 or audit adjustments that would have increased Fiscal Year 2003 TABOR revenue by \$2,127,675. The adjustments to TABOR revenue include an increase to Fiscal Year 2003 TABOR revenue of \$208,336 reported in our opinion dated October 9, 2003, on the *Schedule of TABOR Revenue* for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, and additional adjustments totaling \$1,919,339 for Fiscal Year 2003 and \$2,063,440 for Fiscal Year 2002 TABOR revenue that came to our attention subsequent to the issuance of that report. If these adjustments had been included in the *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution*, the TABOR spending limit for Fiscal Year 2003 would have been increased to \$8,298,992,193 from \$8,296,786,375; Fiscal Year 2003 TABOR revenue would have been increased to \$7,714,639,353 from \$7,712,511,678; and the amount under the adjusted Fiscal Year spending limit for Fiscal Year 2003 would have been increased to \$584,352,840 from \$584,274,697.